

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-12 and 14 are pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge the indication that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters.

Applicants have amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions as communicated in the Office action issued on January 12, 2009, namely by including the terms "of a pressure-swing distillation system" within the body of steps (a) and (b) of claim 1 and replacing the term "providing" with "operating" in steps (a) and (b) of claim 1. Applicants further point out that claim 1 includes the limitation that the second distillation zone be operated at a pressure that is higher than the pressure in the first distillation zone (i.e., the touchstone of pressure swing distillation).

Based on the voice mail left by the Examiner with the undersigned attorney on March 9, 2009, it is applicants' understanding that the present amendment to claim 1 places this application in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or overpayment in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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